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Three COVID-19-related Fatalities Reported; COVID-19 Test Results: 46 New Cases, 12 Hospitalized; 48 Cases with Variants of Concern Identified; FDA Restricts Use of Sotrovimab in Certain States and Territories

Three COVID-19-related Fatalities Reported

Today, the Joint Information Center was notified of **three** COVID-19-related fatalities:

- The 347th COVID-19-related fatality occurred at the Guam Regional Medical City (GRMC) on March 15, 2022. The patient was a 78-year-old male, unvaccinated, who had underlying health conditions and tested positive on March 7.
- The 348th COVID-19-related fatality occurred at GRMC on March 18, 2022. The patient was a 63-year-old female, fully vaccinated with a booster, who had underlying health conditions and tested positive on February 16.
- The 349th COVID-19-related fatality occurred at St. Dominic's on March 22, 2022. The patient was a 96-year-old female, fully vaccinated without a booster, who had underlying health conditions and tested positive on March 13.

“Jeff, Josh, and I pray for these families, that they find peace and comfort in this difficult time,” said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. “While we pursue the gradual lifting of the remaining restrictions, we urge our community to continue exercising great caution and care among our most vulnerable.”

COVID-19 Test Results: 46 New Cases Reported

Today, the Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) reported **46** new cases of COVID-19 from **747** specimens analyzed on March 31, 2022. **21** of the cases reported today are through the Department of Defense. To date, there have been a total of **47,311** officially reported cases, **349** deaths, **813** cases in active isolation, and **46,149** not in active isolation.

12 Hospitalized for COVID-19

CENSUS as of 5 p.m.	GMH	GRMC	USNH	TOTAL
COVID-19 Admission	3	7	2	12
Pediatric Admissions	0	-	-	0
ICU	0	1	0	1
Ventilator	0	1	0	1

VACCINATION STATUS	VACCINATED	UNVACCINATED	INELIGIBLE (0-4 years old)
Hospitalized	6	6	0

Total in Population*	135,973	5,634	12,229
Rate per 100,000 Population	4	106	0

SPECIAL NOTE: Based on today's data, if we were to compare two (2) hypothetical populations of 100,000 people each, vaccinated versus unvaccinated, there would be 4 vaccinated people hospitalized for COVID-19 compared to 106 unvaccinated people hospitalized for COVID-19. The risk of being hospitalized for COVID-19 is about 27 times higher for the unvaccinated as compared to the vaccinated. *Estimated population is based on DPHSS Immunization Program analysis of 2020 Census data. Updates are expected pending further Census 2020 data breakdown.

48 Cases with Variants of Concern Identified

On Thursday, DPHSS received forty-eight (48) new results from virus samples collected on Guam between January 11 to January 20, 2022, which have undergone genome sequencing by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). DPHSS received the sixteenth set of results from the CDC. All 48 samples were identified as the Omicron Variant of Concern (VOC). The breakdown is as follows:

Omicron

- Thirty-six (36) BA.1
- Twelve (12) BA.2

To date, 676 SARS-CoV-2 virus samples have been submitted to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Hawaii DOH State Lab Division for genome sequencing.

FDA Restricts Use of Sotrovimab in Certain States and Territories

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has added Guam to the list of states and territories where sotrovimab is not authorized for use to treat COVID-19 at this time. The FDA, on March 30, 2022, issued the following statement:

Sotrovimab is not authorized at this time in the following states and territories:

- Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont (Region 1) (as of 3/25/2022)
- New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands (Region 2) (as of 3/25/2022)
- Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin (Region 5) (as of 3/30/2022)
- Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Marshall Islands, and Republic of Palau (Region 9) (as of 3/30/2022)
- Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington (Region 10) (as of 3/30/2022)

According to the FDA, new data included in the [health care provider fact sheet](#) shows that the authorized dose of sotrovimab is unlikely to be effective against the BA.2 sub-variant.

The community may still avail of bebtelovimab monoclonal antibody (mAb) therapy treatment at the Mangilao Senior Citizens Center.

Changes Made to COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing Schedule

The Northern Region Community Health Center (NRCHC) and Southern Region Community Health Center (SRCHC) will be closed for vaccination on Saturday, April 2. Community testing will only be offered at NRCHC on Saturday, April 2. Changes to the schedule are below:

FREE COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINICS (AGES 5 AND OVER) FIRST, SECOND AND BOOSTER SHOTS AVAILABLE - Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson	
Monday through Saturday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Agana Shopping Center (2nd Floor) - Register: tinyurl.com/vaxguam Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will be expedited. Bring appointment confirmation and proof of identity. Last appointment is 30 minutes before closing.
Monday through Friday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	DPHSS Southern Region Community Health Center (SRCHC), Inalåhan Call (671) 828-7604/5/7518 to schedule an appointment. Last appointment is 30 minutes before closing. Walk-ins welcome. Curbside vaccination available for people with disabilities. Register at tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme
Monday through Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	DPHSS Northern Region Community Health Center (NRCHC), Dededo Call 671-635-4418/7400 to schedule an appointment. Last appointment is 30 minutes before closing. Walk-ins welcome. Curbside vaccination available for people with disabilities. Register at tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme

FREE COVID-19 COMMUNITY TESTING Fill out a COVID-19 Testing Patient Assessment Form ahead of time, available at dphss.guam.gov/covid-19-testing .	
Mon., Wed, and Fri.: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sat.: 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Old Carnival Grounds, Tiyan, Barrigada COVID-19 testing will be offered by appointment through tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme . Four adults per vehicle. Bring a photo ID. Travel-related testing will not be offered. NO SYMPTOMS NEEDED TO TEST FOR COVID-19
Monday through Friday: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	DPHSS Southern Region Community Health Center (SRCHC), Inalåhan By appointment only for individuals with COVID-like symptoms. Four adults per vehicle. Bring a photo ID. Travel-related testing not offered. Call (671) 828-7604/5/7518. Register at tinyurl.com/covidstopswithme
Monday through Saturday: 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	DPHSS Northern Region Community Health Center (NRCHC), Dededo By appointment only for individuals with COVID-like symptoms. Four adults per vehicle. Bring a photo ID. Call (671) 635-7525/6 to schedule an appointment.

Mangilao mAb Treatment Center Closed Monday

The public is advised that the monoclonal antibody therapy (mAb) Treatment Center located at the Mangilao Senior Citizens Center in Mangilao will be closed on Monday, April 4, for facility maintenance. The treatment center will reopen on Tuesday, April 5, and continue throughout the week. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call (671) 998-4627.

Guam COVID-19 Vaccination Update

As of March 31, 2022, a total of **135,973** of Guam's eligible population (residents 5 years and older) is fully vaccinated. This total includes **13,800** residents 12 – 17 years old. **7,774** residents 5 – 11 years old received their first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech two dose series. **6,104** residents 5 – 11 years old have completed their two-dose series. A total of **57,126** booster shots have been administered to eligible residents since September 29, 2021.

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For the latest information on COVID-19, visit dphss.guam.gov or guamrecovery.com. For inquiries, contact 311 through a local number, or call the Joint Information Center at (671) 478-0208/09/10.